

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WINSTON EYE AND
VISION CENTER'S 80TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Winston Eye and Vision Center for its 80 years of business serving the wonderful people of the Knoxville community.

In 1942, Dr. Harold J. Winston moved to Knoxville to start an optometry practice and create a good life for himself, his new wife, and the children they planned to have together. Decades later, the center enabled him to work alongside two of his sons, Jerry and Barry Winston, who followed in their father's footsteps and joined his practice after receiving their doctorates in optometry.

The practice expanded to three generations in 2011 when Harold's grandson, Dr. Samuel A. Winston, joined the practice. A few short months later, in December 2011, Dr. Harold Winston passed away, but his legacy and practice are carried on by his sons and grandson who continue to run the business that brought him such great joy during his life.

Congratulations to the Winston family, employees, and everyone involved in helping Winston Eye and Vision Center serve members of our great community for the past 80 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 165. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 165.

THANKING VELMON WASHINGTON
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Velmon Washington for his twenty-two years of dedicated service as an employee of this House. Mr. Washington began his service with the Office of the Clerk in October 2000 as a Data Processing Specialist, and he was in that position for three years before being promoted to an Assistant Requisitions and Printing Clerk. Most recently, he was made Senior Requisitions and Printing Clerk. Mr. Washington's service with the Office of the Clerk caps

eighteen years of outstanding service. I congratulate him on his retirement at the end of June.

Mr. Washington's many years of experience made him an expert in the inner workings of the Clerk's Office and the operations it oversees. He has worked directly with customers from Member and House Committee offices, supplying them with official letterhead and other important materials needed to serve constituents effectively. Mr. Washington also provided valuable assistance to many of the divisions within the Clerk's organization, including the Office of Communications and the Clerk's personal office in support of special projects. He was responsible for keeping track of dozens of requisitions every week using a unique requisitions website, and, for each new Congress, Mr. Washington prepared for months in advance to assemble—and often hand deliver—materials to all new Members on their first day in session.

Madam Speaker, outside of work Mr. Washington is a dedicated husband and father. He inspired his two children with patriotism and public service, and both have served in our nation's Armed Forces—something that makes him very, very proud. I thank Mr. Washington for his dedication, his love of country, and for his many years of service to the Clerk's Office, and I wish him all the best in his retirement. I hope my colleagues will all join me in expressing the gratitude of this House and offering our congratulations.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
THE REV. DR. B.R. DANIELS, SR.

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Reverend Dr. B. R. Daniels, Sr. Daniels was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, pastor, and teacher best known for his service to the Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church community. After spending almost four years at the Saint John Baptist Church in Avalon, Texas, Reverend Daniels started his pastorate at Beth-Eden in December of 1972, there were 37 members on the roll and only 18 active members. Within a year, the church had grown to 196 congregants. After serving the church for a record-breaking 50 years, Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church included well over 400 members. The success of Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church testifies to the love Reverend Daniels poured into the community and the devotion with which they reciprocated. While he led the Church through years of prosperity, a 3.2 million dollar building program was completed. This exemplifies the long-lasting legacies he will leave for decades to come.

Not only was Reverend Daniels a man of love, but also a man of action. During his life,

he held many positions on the local, state, and national levels. He served as Assistant Secretary of the Evangelistic Department of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. for four years, and for 15 years, he served as Moderator of the Northwestern District Baptist Association where he recently served as Vice Moderator. He also proudly served as President of the BM&E State Convention of Texas and retired from it in March 2022. Additionally, Reverend Daniels was Vice President-at-Large of the BM&E State Convention of Texas, a member of the Board of Directors of Southern Bible Institute and served on the Zoning Commission of the City of Fort Worth.

No one can truly know how many people's lives he touched with his daily doses of wisdom. This week, my district not only lost an extraordinarily talented pastor but, more importantly, we lost a truly good man who contributed so much to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY
CONTRIBUTIONS OF JON J.P.
FERNANDEZ TO THE COMMUNITY
OF GUAM AS SUPERINTENDENT
OF EDUCATION

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary leader and public servant, Mr. Jon J.P. Fernandez, and congratulate him for over a decade of service to the People of Guam as Superintendent of Education. I would like to further commend him for his distinguished advocacy, commitment to community, and investment in the future of our island, region, nation, and world as demonstrated throughout his tenure at the helm of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE).

In navigating a unique path to public service, Superintendent Fernandez first earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Arkansas in 1995. He then went on to obtain his master's in public policy from Harvard University and, by 2005, gained a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. Building the foundations for an accomplished career, Superintendent Fernandez served as a Senior Analyst in Strategic Consulting for CB Richard Ellis/Torto Wheaton Research and later served in our Nation's capital as both a policy director for D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams and Managing Director for the Federal City Council.

Upon returning home to lead GDOE's 41 schools, approximately 28,000 schoolchildren, and 3,800 employees while managing hundreds of millions of dollars in annual local and federal funding, Superintendent Fernandez charted a course renewed in purpose and charged with progress. Under his leadership, GDOE increased its graduation rate to a record-high 89 percent in 2021, became the

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